

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 795

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Sara Mejia-Gomez for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Sara Mejia-Gomez is one such individual who distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron; Sara's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Sara Mejia-Gomez has achieved academic success while majoring in global studies/international relations with a concentration in Spanish and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Society of Leadership and Success and the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished scholar and community leader, Ms. Mejia-Gomez is the recipient of the HOPE Scholarship, the DREAM Scholarship, and the Aspire Scholarship and has served as a Troop Leader for the Boys of America and as an assistant coach for the Smyrna YMCA Youth Soccer Camp; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Sara Mejia-Gomez brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2014 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mejia-Gomez's impressive research skills proved to be a great asset to her office, as she worked tirelessly on a number of issues, including seatbelt legislation,

motorcycle helmet legislation, physical activity in schools, and most importantly, monorail transportation; and

WHEREAS, called upon to compose speeches for Senator Ketron, Sara Mejia-Gomez utilized her exceptional writing skills to complete her assignments with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, a native of Medellin, Colombia, Sara plans to attend law school and become a Judge Advocate General officer with the United States Air Force and later pursue a career with the U.S. State Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2014 legislative session, Sara Mejia-Gomez surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Sara Mejia-Gomez performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Sara Mejia-Gomez for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.